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EX PARTE

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Portals II, Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Jurisdictional Separations and Referral to the Federal-State Joint Board,
CC Docket No. 80-286

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 23, 2006, Kathleen Grillo, Ann Rakestraw and Tom Moynihan, on behalf of Verizon, met with Dana Schaffer, Deputy Bureau Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB), Narda Jones, Chief of the Telecommunications Access and Policy Division (TAPD), WCB, Tom Buckley, Michael Jacobs, Ted Burmeister, and Gary Seigel of the WCB, regarding the above referenced proceeding. Our discussion focused on the legal authority for extending the separations freeze pending further Commission action on reform. We also discussed the composition of any potential Notice of Proposed Rulemaking seeking comment on the process for extending the separations freeze, to include a reaffirmation that price cap carriers do not have to conduct resource-intensive investment studies for the duration of the freeze, and alternatives to issuing a data request. Verizon's position on these issues was consistent with USTelecom's white paper titled "Paving The Way For Jurisdictional Separations Reform," which was previously filed in the above-referenced docket on December 13, 2005.

In accordance with section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, this letter is being filed electronically with your office. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen Grillo".

cc: Dana Schaffer
Narda Jones
Tom Buckley
Michael Jacobs
Ted Burmeister
Gary Seigel